

# ABC Cab Could Lose License

*Company owner and vehicle inspector tell their sides to misdemeanor sticker charges*

By **ANNA YOUNG**  
*The Breeze*

“The truth will come out.”

So says Musa Abbas Syed, the 41-year-old owner of Harrisonburg’s ABC Cab Company, who has been charged with a misdemeanor for improper use of vehicle inspection stickers.

Dorsey Collett, a 69-year-old Harrisonburg native and former vehicle inspector for Hussey’s Automotive in Bridgewater, has the same misdemeanor charge as Syed.

Collett said he might just retire for good if he’s found guilty of providing Syed with invalid stickers for cabs he never inspected. He had inspected about four or five personal

vehicles of people who work at ABC Cab earlier this spring, but hadn’t looked at any of the company’s cabs since “a couple years ago.”

Collett said of Syed: “He kept calling and kept calling, saying ‘I need a sticker, I need a sticker,’ and I didn’t answer half the time. He kept hassling me, and I gave in and I didn’t want to. Something kept telling me not to do it, not to do it.”

However, Syed said that he’s never met Collett; he has only seen him at Hussey’s Automotive when he or his friends get their personal cars inspected.

“I never have called him, somebody else might have called him from the cab company,” Syed said. Who, though, he could not say.

Syed and Collett’s trial is scheduled for Oct. 30 in the Rockingham County General District Court. Sixteen misdemeanor counts have been consolidated into one charge for each the former vehicle inspector and the owner of ABC

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**ROBERT BOAG**/contributing photographer

**White ABC cabs still dot the roads of Harrisonburg, even though owner Musa Syed has been charged with a misdemeanor for improper use of vehicle inspection stickers, which could cause the business to lose its license.**

# Biggest Home Game Ever?



No. 1 Appalachian State (1-1)  
at  
No. 5 James Madison (2-1)  
Saturday, 7 p.m., Bridgeforth Stadium

photos by **JESSICA DODDS** and **LAUREN PACK**/photo illustration by **CAROLINE DAVIS**

After last year’s first-round playoff debacle, senior quarterback Rodney Landers and offensive coordinator Jeff Durden are visualizing redemption.

## Mountaineer mystique pesters JMU in what is becoming a heated rivalry

By **MATTHEW McGOVERN**  
*The Breeze*

Many observers consider Saturday’s football game against No. 1 Appalachian State the most significant in Madison regular season history. But there’s something else to glean from the marquee matchup.

And that is: the birth of a legitimate rivalry. It’s three years in the making.

After not playing for 10 years, the teams met in 2006 — a game that JMU lost 21-10. Last season Madison lost a heartbreaker in the first round of the playoffs, 28-27, a game many felt JMU should have won.

Yes, it’s a one-sided series thus far, but Saturday the No. 5 Dukes get their much-anticipated

shot at redemption. JMU coach Mickey Matthews was frank about the situation Monday at his weekly press conference at Ham’s Restaurant.

“It’s been difficult the entire July, August, and this first half of September to just keep everyone focused on these first three games,” Matthews said. “Because I don’t think there’s any question that the JMU nation, the community of Harrisonburg, anyone that’s connected with our university has been looking forward to this game.”

And that level of anticipation has presented the JMU administration with the challenge of telling some students that they can’t attend the headlining event. The university limited student tickets to about 5,000 and made them available at the Convocation Center beginning Sept. 8 and at Bridgeforth Stadium on Monday — also the day

tickets ran out.

“I don’t know that there has been a game as big as this one on campus,” JMU President Linwood H. Rose said Monday. “There’s certainly been some exciting games. ... But I don’t think there’s been anything like this where you’re playing the No. 1 team, especially when we should have beat them last year.”

The Dukes took Monday off from practice as usual after a grueling game against Massachusetts, while Tuesday’s practice brought an unexpected visitor: Antoine Bolton, a leader from last year’s team. The former tailback, who rushed for 627 yards in 2007, acknowledged that he would rather be on the field Saturday — instead, he’ll bring his emotion as a sideline

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# Uncovering Mysteries Of Debate

*Professor and student team to write book*

By **JACQUELINE QUATTROCCHI**  
*The Breeze*

Buried deep within the special collections of Carrier Library is a box containing a dark pink notebook so important that students need to sign forms and set appointments to have access to it.

On its fragile and browning pages lie minutes to the State Teachers College (JMU) Debating Club of 1929-1939, part of a lost vein of JMU history that senior Thomas Webb feels is almost overlooked. After all, it was early debates that decided much of what is JMU’s identity today.

Webb, the president of the Madison Debate Society, is combing through that pink notebook and uprooting Madison history to write his book “The History of Debate.” With the help of Prof. Mike Davis, assistant professor and director of debate, Webb hopes to give JMU debate alumni recognition for its contributions to campus over the past 98 years and also find out what they are doing today.

“Cause every university, when they talk about their history, they say ‘These people debated for us,’” Davis said. “Right now we’ve got a bunch of lawyers. But usually people go into politics, so we’re hoping to discover one of those in our history.”

Davis believes that contextualizing the alumni’s experiences is also an important role that this book will play.

“I think it’s really a sense of belonging, like their place in JMU history,” Davis said.

Webb and Davis have their own respective histories in debate that have helped drive the project.

## THE AUTHORS

Webb, a Blueville native, participated on his high school forensics team for four years and has been active with debate at JMU as well, founding the Madison Debate Society.

Davis was born in Connecticut and began debate during his undergraduate career at Syracuse University. His general communications course professor — the debate coach — suggested Davis give debate a try. With the encouragement from his grandmother, he did, and realized just how much he enjoyed it, especially the in-depth research involved.

“I probably learned more in debate than in every class I took during my undergraduate career,” Davis said.

The timeline of JMU debate is uncharted territory, as no one has taken the time to precisely extract and write down its history.

“It’s such a part of JMU history that there’s

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courtesy of **ELIZABETH JERLINSKI**

**Mr. J’s Bagels and Deli was destroyed in the fire that engulfed Rockingham Square Shopping Centre on South High Street. The total damage is estimated at more than one million dollars.**

# Arson to Blame

*Crime Stoppers will feature last Thursday’s incident to spark search for culprits of Shopping Centre blaze*

By **MICHELLE HABEL**  
contributing writer

Harrisonburg police determined that arson is to blame for the fire that destroyed part of the Rockingham Square Shopping Centre.

“They’re not saying yet how the arsonists started the fire,” said David Jerlinski, part owner of Mr. J’s Bagel and Deli. “They might know but they didn’t release that yet.”

The fire broke out about four a.m. last Thursday and all Harrisonburg and Rockingham fire departments responded arriving at the scene three minutes after they received the call, according to Dee McDonough, manager of Mr. J’s for almost 13 years.

Virginia ABC store, Mr. J’s Bagel and Deli, New China and Movie Gallery were all damaged in the blaze. The fire damage totals more than

one million dollars so far, according to the *Daily News-Record*.

“Well the fire started in the Chinese restaurant, and they have just determined that it was arson,” McDonough said. “Somebody broke in, and I don’t think they’ve really released a lot of the details. They’re still investigating...I think it’s going to be on Crime Stoppers this week to see if anyone saw anything.”

Local news has Crime Stoppers segments that inform the public about crime in the area and if anyone knows anything about the story, they can call the station or the police.

No one was hurt in the fire, but now 15 employees are out of a job. McDonough said that they are trying to place employees at the other two locations, but they don’t have the space for everyone.

Dining Services on campus has stepped in and offered to hire those that are now unemployed.



**CAROLINE DAVIS**/The Breeze

**Thomas Webb (left) and Prof. Mike Davis have spent countless hours researching for the “History of Debate” book they plan to publish by March 5, 2010.**



CORRECTIONS

In the Monday, Sept. 15 issue of *The Breeze*, the article “Murphy’s Kids Get Ready for Spaghetifest 6” on page 9 incorrectly stated “The show was put on by local concert production and promotion company Blame it on the Train Productions.” Chuck Troutman, owner of Rocktown Bar and Grill is actually responsible for bringing the bands to Harrisonburg. Blame it on the Train Productions was just asked to promote the show.

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## World & National News

# America’s Financial Crisis Affects Business Worldwide

Los Angeles Times

**SHANGHAI, China** — Du Xiufeng, a small textile producer in China’s industrial belt near Shanghai, is about as far from the drama on Wall Street as you can get. Yet neither he nor countless businesses in China and around the globe can escape the fallout from America’s financial meltdown.

“The global market is already bad enough, and because of this our business will probably be even worse next year,” said the wiry 34-year-old as he reflected Tuesday on the news of Lehman Brother’s liquidation and Merrill Lynch’s fire sale to Bank of America. Du’s Christmas exports to the U.S. are down 40 percent this year, and now he figures Valentine’s Day is lost too. “This recession is really global. Everything is connected.”

As U.S. officials engineered a bailout of insurance giant AIG in New York on Tuesday, Lehman workers in London carted boxes from their offices and worried about joining the unemployment rolls. Bankers and accountants in Asia were tallying their exposure to American assets — South Korean financial firms had more than \$700 million in investments each in securities linked to Merrill and Lehman.

And investors in Kuwait watched as oil futures kept falling amid expectations of depressed demand for many commodities, led by the United States. On Tuesday, crude was down more than \$4.50 in New York, closing at \$91.15 a barrel — the lowest since February.

“We’re talking about a global economy that has been driven by extreme excesses created by the housing market in the U.S.,” said Kirby Daley, a Hong Kong-based strategist for the brokerage Newedge Group. “It was like a drug. But the drug is now gone,

and there will be an adjustment.”

One of the biggest adjustments will be the re-pricing of assets. When it filed for bankruptcy, Lehman said it had more than \$639 billion in assets and debt of \$613 billion. But if those assets are dumped in a liquidation, that could force other firms to mark down their assets, imperiling their capital base and financial stability.

Andy Xie, a Shanghai-based independent economist asked how many institutions would fail, in that case.

“The re-pricing means a big reduction in credit to U.S. households,” said Xie, former chief Asia economist for Morgan Stanley. “The U.S. economy could go through what happened in Asia one decade ago: 4 percent, 5 percent contraction in GDP.”

The U.S. subprime crisis and credit crunch already have contributed to slower growth in Europe, Japan and China. Following Monday’s 500-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average, Asian stock markets were hit hard Tuesday. That was in part because trading was closed Monday for a holiday, but it also reflects concerns that Asia has much exposure to the U.S. meltdown.

According to its bankruptcy filing, Lehman owed seven Japanese banks about \$1.6 billion. The Japanese unit of Lehman Brothers requested bankruptcy protection at a Tokyo court. The Nikkei average lost 5 percent Tuesday.

In Taiwan, “many banks and life insurance companies had investment in trust bonds of Lehman Brothers, and they will be required to cut their investment in it and will suffer quite large losses,” said Kevin Yang, president of Taiwan’s Paradigm Asset Management Co. in Taipei.

Declining growth in exports to the U.S. has already slowed China’s economic expansion. On Tuesday, just hours after the Lehman and Merrill news was announced, the central government cut a key interest rate and eased bank restrictions to spur more lending to

businesses.

Only about a week ago, Chinese analysts were relieved to hear about the U.S. government seizure of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. China holds about \$376 billion of so-called agency debt, most of this in the form of securities issued by Fannie and Freddie.

Given China’s large hoard of foreign reserves, some \$1.8 trillion, China is better positioned to withstand the U.S. financial crisis than any other major economy, says Donald Straszheim, a China specialist at Roth Capital Partners based in Newport Beach. But he says American institutions shouldn’t count on sovereign wealth funds from China or other Asian or Middle Eastern foreign countries for further infusions of cash.

Analysts say Europe is almost certain to feel the sharpest blow from the financial woes originating in the U.S. because major European institutional players, banks and securities firms often engaged in similar high-risk deal-making.

The Bank of England, along with central banks in Australia, the U.S., Japan and the European Union, injected tens of billions of dollars into the financial system over the last two days to calm nerves and keep banks from hoarding cash.

“It’s a bit like a Greek tragedy,” said Michael Huether, head of the Institute for German Economy in Cologne, Germany. “We have reached the turning point at which lots of things have already happened. Now the central banks are asked to put some cash into the system, and then the system of banks has to cool down.”

He said the worst could be behind us, but then added: “The U.S. economy will probably not reach its forecast for 2009, which means that a very strong part of world economic growth will be missing. This isn’t the world recession yet, but we are strongly moving toward stagnation.”

The Breeze poll question:

Which cab company do you use most often in Harrisonburg?

- a. ABC Cab
- b. Yellow Cab
- c. Royal Cab
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## Celebrating Ramadan

By KATIE THISDELL  
The Breeze

The first bite of the sweet, candy-like date signaled the end of the day's fast as Muslims could begin their meal. Soon, plates were covered with a variety of Middle Eastern dishes from popular hummus to palow, an Afghani rice pilaf.

The Muslim Student Association hosted an Iftar dinner on Monday evening. More than 100 students and members of the local community gathered in Transitions in Warren Hall to learn about the Islamic faith, pray, break fast and share the meal. Throughout the Islamic month of Ramadan, Muslims refrain from eating or drinking during the day in order to bring them closer to God.

The fundraiser raised more than \$500, which MSA plans to use for a future Islamic Awareness week.

"We decided to do this as a fundraiser for MSA this year, but put a twist on it too," said sophomore Soraya Salam, the MSA president. "We want to expose the JMU community to something different, like our traditional prayers and even eating a date to break our fast."

Ramadan celebrates when the Angel Gabriel first revealed the Quran, the Islamic holy book, to the Prophet Muhammad. Spanning throughout the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, it occurs at different times each year because the calendar is based on the cycles of the moon. This year Ramadan began on Sept. 1 with



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**The Iftar dinner had the biggest attendance so far, including students and community members.**

the new moon.

For 30 days, Muslims fast from the brink of dawn until sunset. Food, drink and sexual activities are rejected between these times as Muslims practice self-discipline and focus on Allah.

Members of the Islamic Association of the Shenandoah Valley (IASV) donated traditional food to the event. Aluminum foil-covered dishes stretched over tables as a hungry crowd formed a long line.

"I was really touched by the support of the community," Salam said. "This coming together really encompasses the values that are supposed

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## Budget Cuts to Affect JMU

*Budget Management won't know who cuts will hurt until next month*

By KATIE THISDELL  
The Breeze

The troubled economy will soon hit campus. With state revenues falling lower than expected, the university is facing budget reductions for the coming fiscal years.

"I am very worried about it," President Linwood Rose said earlier this week. "It's not likely, I don't think, that we are going to experience significant cuts in this year, but it is difficult to predict what will happen for next year."

Currently, all state agencies, including public universities, must prepare reduction plans of five, 10, and 15 percent by Sept. 26. The actual budget cuts will be announced in late October or early November.

Diane Stamp, assistant vice president for Budget Management, explained that Rose and other members of the executive management team will discuss how to make these changes over the next two weeks.

"The state's housing market, payroll withholding and retail sales taxes have all experienced significant slowdowns, which impacts the state's revenue collections," Stamp wrote in an e-mail.

But if the budget cuts reach the 15 percent mark, it could have a huge effect on the university.

"The 15 percent is a little over \$11 million for us in one year so you can imagine it's going to be difficult to manage," Rose said. "Hopefully we won't have to do that."

Rose sent a campus-wide e-mail on Sept. 9 informing students and staff of upcoming changes.

The 10th year president immediately enacted interim measures that affect positions, purchases and travel. Until the final budget is announced by the state, only instructional positions will be available, while non-instructional job offers will not be made. Only instructional equipment may be purchased along with what is funded by the Equipment Trust Fund.

A moratorium was also placed on discretionary travel, which includes travel for conferences, conventions or professional development. It applies to all educational and general departments in the university.

Charlie King, senior vice president of Budget Management, said he did not know how many people would be affected by the travel restriction. Since it is early in the process, he added that he does not know how specific groups or services will be impacted by the reductions.

Stamp said the university hopes to minimize the impact of changes on students. Rose agreed.

"It's always difficult to do because if you get into the 10 and 15 percent range, then it



is difficult to make those adjustments without affecting people, because people make up 82 percent of our education and general budget," Rose said. "That's where the money is. At five percent I think we can manage it without having much impact on people but it gets tougher with the higher-uppers."

Rose also said he does not think the state capital budget and the operating budget will affect each other, but that the operating budget is critical to running the university.

"If you are building a performing arts center, you may have all the money that's required to build the building," Rose said. "But if you are in tough times and you don't have enough money to operate the building then you clearly have a problem."

But Rose said that they are working to prevent problems like that.

"But capital dollars are funded partly with cash and partly with debt," Rose said. "And what they will probably end up doing is convert some of those cash projects into debt projects so they can free up the cash to use for the budget problem, but it shouldn't affect the availability of the projects."

King said that after the state reviews revenue collections for the first quarter, the actual budget cuts for the current fiscal year will be announced, and will go into effect immediately. Another budget reduction will be for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The university's current budget is about \$382 million.

Other state agencies and universities that are affected by similar budget cuts are UVA, Va. Tech, the Virginia Departments of Transportation, Health and Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC).

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# CABS: ‘Students are Going to Suffer’ if ABC License is Pulled

**Cabs**, from front

Cabs. Both are facing a possible 12-month imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$2,500 if convicted, according to First Sgt. Bryan Hutcheson of the Virginia State Police.

Hutcheson speculated that ABC Cab Company didn't properly inspect its cabs initially because its cars might not have passed the Virginia State Inspection and the company was trying to save money.

Dusty Hussey, the owner of Hussey's Automotive in Bridgewater who informed the police about Collett, said that ABC Cab could have been eager to get its cars up and running in time for the return of students this fall.

"So August came and the kids were coming back and they had all these cars due and it's hard to get a bunch [inspected] at one time," Hussey said.

Hutcheson said the State Police will check on ABC Cab and Hussey's Automotive before the trial.

"We will have a follow-up with [ABC] and Hussey's just for quality assurance, if you will, and make sure that the problems that occurred have been properly handled and it's not something that will happen again," Hutcheson said. "I certainly hope that they learn from this and continue their business, but just do it the right way: have the vehicles inspected for safety rather than through the back door."

Once Hussey received a tip from someone that Collett had illegally issued state inspection stickers to ABC Cab, he looked through a pile of books and found improper documentation for inspections of 11 Crown Victorias in a row, and five additional Crown Victorias in another book.

"I know I've never seen 11 Crown Vics in here in a row," Hussey said, adding that he hasn't seen ABC Cabs at his station for two years. "As soon as I knew, we turned it in. If something happened to one of those cars and it's within the first 1,000 miles, I'm liable."

Hussey then contacted the Virginia State Police on Aug. 22, notifying them that a total of 16 inspection stickers had been issued without proper documentation and three were sold to the cab company.

"Normally when we get complaints regarding the inspection program, they would come from citizens, so it's unique to have an owner of an inspection place to call us," Hutcheson said.

Hutcheson sent a state trooper to the cab company headquarters, located on East Market Street, and the inspection stickers were immediately scraped off the cabs. Colton "Cotton" Wilson, the former mechanic for ABC Cab who currently works for Royal Cab, had just finished putting a transmission in a car when the state police officer arrived at ABC on Aug. 25.

"He said, 'Well, these cars got stolen stickers on them. I want the keys to the cars and I want these stickers off now,'" Wilson said. "So I went around with the trooper that day and we scraped all the stickers off all the cars."

Syed said that he has had all of his cabs legally inspected at different places around Harrisonburg. Shortly after, ABC Cab received new inspection stickers so it could continue operating. Reggie Smith, the director of the Harrisonburg Department of Transportation, confirmed the legitimacy of ABC Cab's current inspection stickers.

"I wouldn't think they would be dumb enough to go out again and get another set of illegal inspection stickers," Smith said.

City Manager Kurt Hodgen said the city probably wouldn't consider taking action until the legal process ran its course. Harrisonburg City code states the City Council has to first notify ABC that the council is considering either canceling, suspending or revoking ABC's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Then it give representatives of the cab company the opportunity to come to a council meeting to defend themselves.

The earliest city council meeting that the ABC Cab's situation



ROBERT BOAG/contributing photographer

**Musa Syed is facing charges for using illegally issued state inspection stickers.**

can be discussed is Nov. 11, the first council meeting after the trial date, according to Hodgen.

The bulk of business for cab companies is done between Thursday and Saturday nights, according to Smith. "If we shut [ABC Cab] down, the students are going to suffer," he said. "If we pulled their license, we would be crippling a business."

At this point, police haven't discovered any occurrences of other cab companies using illegal inspection stickers, according to Hutcheson. "We will continue to try to maintain the integrity of our safety inspection program and prosecute any violations to the nth degree," Hutcheson said.

■ The Breeze's *Jamie Brindle* contributed to this article.

# SGA Votes to Implement 13 New House Rules

By **MEGAN WILLIAMS**

*The Breeze*

Senior Andy Gibson was introduced as the newly elected executive treasure of the Student Government Association during the meeting Tuesday.

The position became available at the end of last semester when Tara Rife resigned after being elected in the spring. She is no longer enrolled at JMU and does not appear in a student search on the JMU Web site. Rife plans on returning to JMU next semester a source close to the situation said.

"She has personal issues she felt she had to resolve," SGA President Larson Thune said. "She felt that someone else would be able to serve the SGA better than she could."

Gibson served as vice president of administrative affairs last year.

"I saw this as a new opportunity," Gibson said. "This is my fourth year in SGA and I feel I have a lot of information to share."

As executive treasurer Gibson hopes to improve communication between the SGA and student organizations so that they can know about opportunities for funding and to promote more fund-raising.



ADRIENNE GOLDBERG/*The Breeze*

**Right to left: Jack Wickham, Kathleen Lee, Larson Thune, Dan Stana and Candace Avalos are sworn into office by faculty adviser David Barnes.**

■ The SGA approved its new 13 House Rules for the year. House Rules are a set of guidelines for senators that cover things such as senator absences during meetings, bill proposals, and senator conduct during meetings and voting.

■ Some issues spurred debate among senators, such as whether a business casual dress code should be enforced, and over how many times a year or semester a proxy can be used. A proxy is another senator who represents someone at a meeting that he or she can't be present at.

■ Other business items were the proposal of two contingency bills, one which would give the sorority Alpha Kappa Delta Phi \$2,000 in funding and one that would give the Latin Dance Club \$3,000 in funding. These were the amounts requested by each organization.

■ SGA will host a Speak Out on Monday in TDU from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for students who have any questions about campus to be answered or any concerns heard. Representatives from the different committees will be there so that concerns will be directed to the right person.

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# DEBATE: Student Finds Book About Debate in Carrier Library

**Debate**, from front really nothing written specifically about it,” Webb said.

Webb said that contributions from debate are often assumed, in that people take them for granted. For example, he cited that our school colors and names of buildings like Frederickson Hall, Dingle-dine Hall and Shorts Hall, all come from former debate students. Additionally, he noted a championship won by Elizabeth Kaminsky on March 22, 1929, possibly JMU’s first national championship ever.

“I think we fade into the woodwork and become such a part of JMU legacy that now it’s hard to sort of drag it back out,” Webb said.

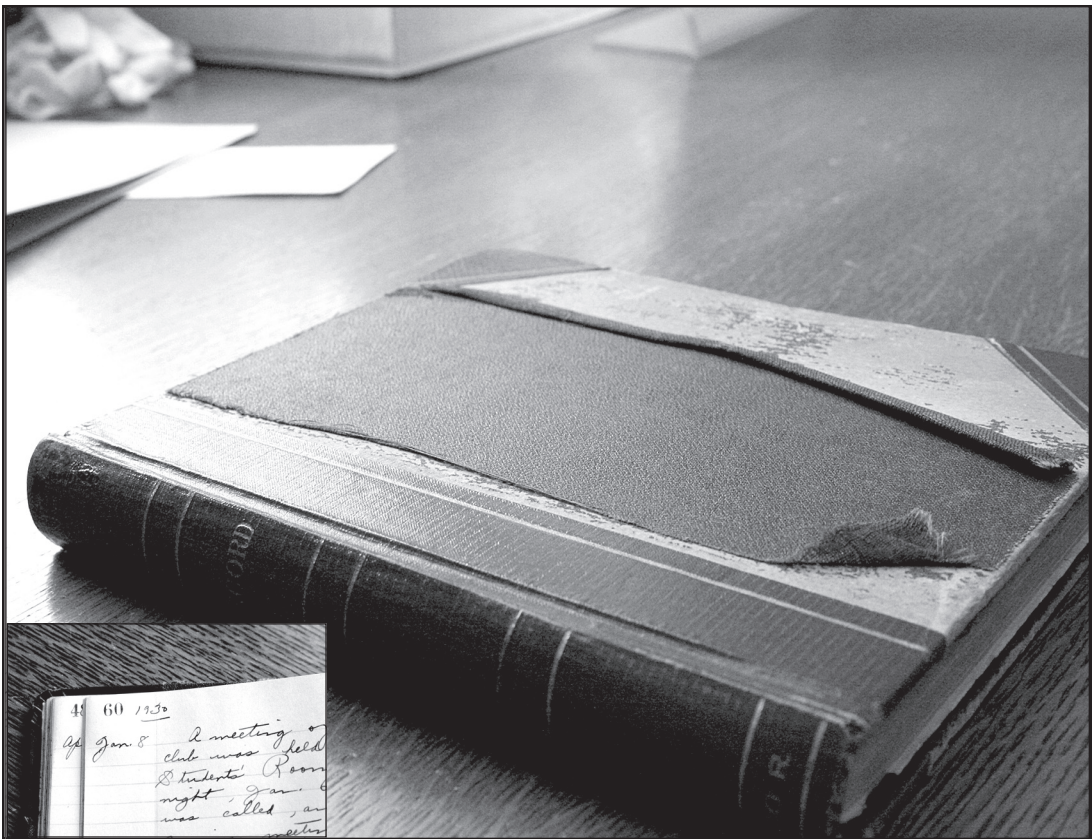
The project began last spring, after Davis was online and found that a JMU alumna from 1938 mentioned she debated for the university.

“I had thought the debate program started in 1968, that’s what I’d always been told,” Davis said.

Davis said that Webb, a member of the debate team for three years, had wanted to become involved in the “public wing” of the team, so he asked Webb to look into the mysterious 1938 alumna, Lucy C. Clark (now remarried as Dameekalns).

Mysterious because they didn’t think there was debate before 1968, and they can’t get a hold of her at all as of yet.

During his research, Webb briefly used an annotated JMU history written by L. Sean Crowley in 2006 that describes major events between 1908-1959. Under the year 1910, there is a description of public debate existing on March 5.



CAROLINE DAVIS/The Breeze

The original, handwritten notes from previous Debate Club meetings is stored in Carrier Library.

## BACK TO THE ROOTS

Clark and the March 1910 public debate sparked more interest in both Webb and Davis, and they decided to see what other interesting things they could find. The project then turned into a book.

“I knew Thomas was going to be around this summer, so I was like, ‘Hey, do you want to do an independent study and let’s see what else we can find,’” Davis said.

Webb began deciphering the handwritten notes inside the old, pink minutes book in May 2008. He visited Carrier Library twice in May, once over the summer, and is currently making appointments to go back.

Going through the minutes “is a very time-consuming process,” Webb said. “But it’s exciting. These are things that haven’t been unearthed since 1939-40. Not even special collections knew about them.”

Webb said it takes about an hour to go through one year of minutes.

“Who knows the last time when these books were even touched, you know?” Davis said. “And it’s not like someone typed them up, they’re all handwritten, and so if someone’s handwriting’s not very good, then you’ve got to really focus.”

In addition to the minutes book, Webb has used old campus yearbooks. He said that in some years there is a lot of information, in others all that’s printed are members’ last names and maybe a picture.

Using these old keepsakes, Webb has found interesting descriptions of debate topics, activities and even descriptions of pledging and initiation rituals.

“They debated things like whether radio would be a hindrance to democracy, [and] whether or not they should limit the number of people in each of the literate societies,” Webb said.

Webb said to participate in what we’d consider today a common student organization like debate, in the ’20s and ’30s, students had to do more than just walk up and join. There were dress codes specifying colors-style and even a sash, initiation rituals and a creed.

“So that’s something really, really neat,” Webb said. “They had very specific pledging process, students now would never expect to have to do that.”

## PIECING IT TOGETHER

The research process has been like putting together a puzzle.

According to Webb and Davis, there are periods throughout JMU history where there was no official debate organization, but because debate skills are so intricately woven into students’ educations, they feel debate, on some level, was still occurring.

Currently, there are gaps between 1910 and 1929, and gaps in the ’40s, ’50s and ’60s where the authors said they don’t know if an organization existed or not. From the end of the Debating Club, in 1939, until the beginning of the Policy Debate team in 1968, Webb said nothing is known.

“There’s just this black hole,” he said. “We know nothing. We know absolutely nothing.”

Because of the large gaps in time, the authors have had to revamp their original plans.

“We originally thought this was a book we’d produce this summer,” Davis said, “but we’ve realized we’re going to have to do a lot more research and a lot of it’s going to sort of be oral history.”

Relying on oral history poses a few problems however, especially for the early gaps. Alumni from the ’30s would be in their ’90s now and Davis said they want to find these people quickly before the opportunity is gone.

“We’re not as worried about figuring out what happened in the ’50s and ’60s because some of those alumni will still be around for a while,” Davis said. “But the fact that we have this long list of people who debated, and there’s only one person [still alive] from the ’30s sort of makes us nervous.”

For Webb, the most difficult thing has been a matter of reading the minutes and explaining the activities. Davis said that the minutes book wasn’t written as a history book. It documents the who, what, when, and where but not the why.

“That’s really where there’s some allusions to be made,” Webb said.

Webb and Davis have split up the research process, with the student researching 1910 through 1968, and the professor researching 1968 to the present. However, due to poor records kept after 1968, Davis said that it’s actually much easier to find out who debated for JMU in 1938 than in 1978.

Davis said they had 126 names of debate members from 1929 until 1939, and only 50 names from 1978 on, only two of which are actually from the ’70s.

Still in the research process, there is no set publisher at this time. However, Davis said they do have some ideas, and once a manuscript is written they’ll begin pursuing a publisher more diligently.

Webb is hoping for the manuscript to be finished no later than this February, as he is graduating in the spring. Davis said publication could take six to eight months. They’re aiming for it to be printed by March 5, 2010 – exactly 100 years after the first public debate.

“We’re sort of playing off the centennial theme,” Davis said.

# ISLAM: Ramadan Dinner Educates Students on ‘Misconceptions’

**Islam**, from page 3

to be present in Ramadan. Families just kept coming in with food. That’s what Islam is all about, giving to others, whether Muslim or not. The community really embodied that.”

Fasting helps Muslims appreciate everything that they have been blessed with, and to empathize and help the less fortunate.

“If he has truly opened his heart, he knows what it’s like to feel hunger and the deprivation of thirst,” said Jeremy Bacheller, member of the IASV. “There’s no reason he should let anyone ever be hungry if he can help it.”

The evening began with a call to prayer sung

by senior Zana Abdul while facing Mecca. The Quran instructs followers to look toward the holiest Islamic city. During Ramadan, Muslims also pray more, in addition to their regular five daily prayers. A group of Muslims recited their Maghrib, or sunset prayer, at the side of the room.

“There are so many misconceptions about Islam and the only way to live in harmony and peace is to educate people,” Salam said. “There’s a desperate need for education and you can’t always find it in Virginia. I’ve met people at JMU who’ve never met a Muslim before.”

Muslims broke their fast eating dates first,

following the tradition of Muhammad. Everyone could try one of the candy-like fruits if they wanted.

“Breaking the fast is an amazing experience, a sacred experience,” Bacheller said during his presentation.

Sophomore Saadia Khan, a member of MSA, said that the dinner has never been as well-attended in the past.

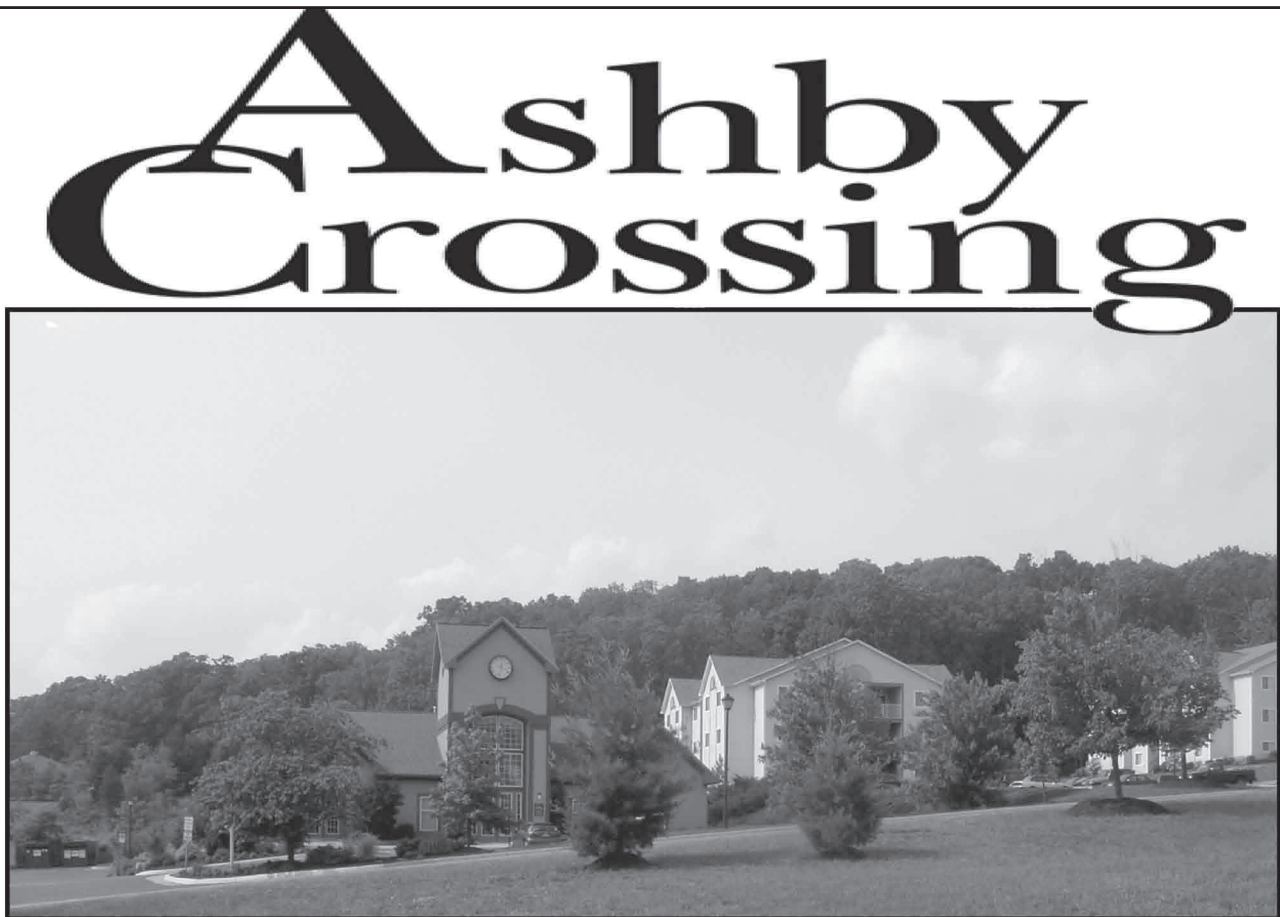
“We want to teach the community more about Ramadan and our culture,” Khan said. “We don’t have a large Muslim community here, and only around 30 members in MSA, so this turnout is amazing.”

Students from across faiths and cultures attended the community dinner.

“It’s really cool to come here especially because you don’t always see on-campus events like this,” Krissy Kline said. “I think people definitely don’t know a lot about Islam and have such stereotypes about terrorists and stuff like that.”

The senior was impressed by the support and donations of food from the Muslim community. Her favorite food was biryani, a dish made of chicken and rice. However, she thought everything was good.

“I didn’t try anything I didn’t like,” she said.



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A “**slow-traffic-keep-right**” dart to all the slow walkers clogging up the ISAT bridge.  
*From a frustrated junior who is unwillingly being made late to class by your sloth-like tendencies.*

A “**safe-party-is-the-best-party**” pat to all the JMU fraternities who have held successful, registered basement parties this year.  
*From a non-Greek who will go to a fraternity event over an open apartment party any day.*

A “**how’s-your-driving?!**” dart to the beret-bearing bus driver for committing every traffic violation imaginable in one trip.  
*From an avid bus rider who was begging for a seat belt by the end of his ride.*

A “**forever-young**” pat to the girl blowing bubbles as she walked across the I-81 overpass.  
*From a half-asleep senior who loved feeling like a little kid again at 10 a.m.*

A “**thanks-for-ruining-my-day**” dart to Blackboard for giving me an error message and clearing my answers twice on the same test.  
*From an angry and annoyed sophomore who had to spend four hours taking a test three times.*

A “**what’s-a-four-letter-word-for-disappointed**” dart to *The Breeze* for not having the crossword anymore.  
*From a junior who looked forward to it every week and is now lost.*

A “**save-it-for-the-Opinion-section**” dart to Monday’s news writer who claimed that parts of Craig Robinson’s routine made students uncomfortable.  
*From an amused and easygoing junior spectator who thoroughly enjoyed the shocking Hollywoodesque exchange.*

An “**if-I’m-going-to-avoid-all-my-home-work-I’m-glad-I’m-doing-it-with-you**” pat.  
*To my new roommates, who stayed up with me until 3 a.m. on Monday watching the “Sex and the City” box set.*

A “**way-to-misrepresent-the-quality-of-girls-at JMU**” dart to the “friendly” girl who made out with Craig Robinson on stage during his appearance.  
*From a junior girl who thinks a peck on the cheek would have sufficed.*

A “**jealousy-kills-your-soul**” dart to those who did not appreciate the on-stage make-out session with Craig Robinson.  
*From the lucky young lady who will someday get to tell her grandchildren that she kissed a movie star!*

A “**thanks-for-turning-our-frowns-upside-down**” pat to the JMU student who left a note in the microforms room of Carrier Library.  
*From two staff members who needed your random act of kindness more than you’ll ever know.*

A “**you-are-indeed-awesome**” pat to the mom and her two kids picking up litter on the side of the road by Copper Beech last week.  
*From the JMU student who stopped to give you the thumbs up and was inspired by your conscientiousness.*

GADFLY

Palin: Obama’s Understudy

America’s newly minted sweetheart follows the celebrity formula championed by the rock-star candidate

Fame and fascination are deciding the most important election in recent history. They always do, of course, but the extent to which our candidates are embracing and capitalizing on celebrity this campaign season is disgraceful. In the past few weeks, even the most casual viewer will have realized this is why Sen. John McCain tapped Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate.

McCain’s choice of Sarah Palin was positively electrifying. I watched in excitement as she addressed the Republican National Convention and, like an earnest fool, I expected the campaign to swing toward issues now that the VP mystery was over.

Silly me. The ensuing wall-to-wall coverage of the Alaskan governor screams “a star is born.” Instead of taking on the traditional vice presidential role of attack dog, she’s reprised her role as beauty queen, awing the nation in a media blitz just as Sen. Barack Obama did earlier this year.

In the dark ages of this election cycle, Obama crafted a brand to combat what seemed at the time to be Hillary Clinton’s inevitable victory. The brand he created was powerful, albeit maddeningly vague — hope and change — and he became his own celebrity endorsement.

He’s won over millions, including the media, and his story has been hailed as the embodiment of the American Dream. But as his campaign has attacked Palin, the cracks in his charisma have started to show.

Watch the Obama campaign handle Palin.

It seems as though they cannot figure out how to tackle her. The most telling fact is that in the DNC’s “McCain Watch” series of press releases this summer, which preemptively bashed potential VP choices for the GOP, there was never a “Palin Edition.”

Established names such as Romney, Crist and Pawlenty made the cut, but the DNC never anticipated the choice of an unknown with the “X” factor. Of course not, that was their gig. Consequently, the momentum Obama got

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by announcing his own running mate was immediately erased by McCain’s brilliantly timed debut of Palin.

But Obama has no right to denounce the media’s coverage of her, because he’s being played at his own game. The GOP is simply adopting his celebrity formula, which hands political journalists a perfect profile piece: an American success story, a fresh face from a different background, a politician with undeniable appeal.

If that sounds increasingly familiar, it’s because we’ve just met the Republican echo of the rock star candidate. McCain desperately

needed to rebrand himself, so he followed the magical Obama formula: three parts image, two parts backstory, a pinch of experience.

Even conservative commentator Peggy Noonan was caught in a live-mic incident unwittingly revealing the choice for Palin as the choice for “political bulls\*\*\* about narratives.”

We’ve now been conditioned to watch for the next big thing. Perhaps the half-life of politicians has been shortened as experience is equated to corruption and ineffectiveness. Several papers are reporting Democratic worries of an Obama backlash, and even now pundits are pondering whether the same will happen to Palin.

Yes, Palin backlash. Never mind the fact that the average college student is now far more familiar with the governor of Alaska than the senator from Delaware. I’m talking about Sen. Joseph Biden, by the way, the vice presidential candidate whose big mouth and scrappy spirit might have enlivened the race in a way that didn’t dumb it down, had the spotlight not been stolen.

Never mind disturbing video footage of her calling the War on Terror as “a task from God.” Never mind her record on the issues or the very valid concern over her record of public service.

As culturally refreshing as McCain’s choice of vice presidential candidate might seem, it is in essence an acceptance of the campaign model Obama has forced on us. If there was ever any hope of this celebrity business dying down, that audacious hope is gone now.

Palin ushers us fully into the latest era of politics, where “star quality” equals constant coverage and trumps merit, hands down.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

LAUREN HAGY



GUEST COLUMN

MICHAEL LARRICK, contributing writer

Internet Dating Brings Love in for The Real Thing

Let’s be honest: The dating scene is a tough one. I’m struggling here. You girls are complicated people. You want a lot of different things and you want them all at the same time. There’s a lot of pressure on us guys. We have to be funny and smart and charming and take showers and a bunch of other stuff that I just don’t have the time for.

It’s embarrassing to admit, but I don’t have the best luck with the ladies. I have a difficult time expressing my feelings. I have a badass reputation to uphold and I can’t risk tarnishing it with letting people know I have feelings. It’s just not worth it.

When I do finally muster the courage to let a girl know how I really feel, they always interrupt me by yelling things like “who are you?!” and “how did you get in here?!” It’s all very disheartening.

However, I’ve finally found a solution to my romantic troubles. A place where I can meet someone special based on a completely fabricated image I’ve created for myself: the Internet! And I thought the Internet was only good for pornog-

raphy and fantasy football! Ha! I’ve just created my *eharmony.com* account, and I feel amazing. I’ve answered all the questions they’ve asked me and I feel confident that my answers will find me that special girl.

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“Every time I see one of those *eharmony.com* commercials, I choke up a little bit. It’s just too beautiful.”

two questions into consideration, which you are supposed to rate from “not at all” to “very much”:

“I often leave a mess in my room.”

“I can handle a lot of information.”

Did I just blow your mind? If those questions don’t define love, then I don’t know what does. I know when I’m getting serious about a girl, I ask myself: “Are they

tidy? Can they take notes quickly?”

Every time I see one of those *eharmony.com* commercials, I choke up a little bit. It’s just too beautiful. I hope one day I am fortunate enough to go on television and publicly admit I couldn’t find anyone that wanted to be with me and so I had to resort to the Internet, leaving me married to my

third choice of my most compatible search results.

We all should be that lucky.

One of the better parts about Internet dating is that you don’t even have to tell the truth! It’s great! They can’t even tell. For instance, let’s say I was serial killer who liked to keep my victims’ heads in my refrigerator. Total turn-off, right? All I have to do is put “not a serial killer... definitely not into that”

under the occupation section and it’s all good!

Facebook is really helping me out too. It’s the most stalker-friendly site ever.

Let’s say I like a girl and want to get to know her but I can’t because I don’t know her *per se*. All I have to do is go to her Facebook page, study her information, and I practically know her, maybe even more than her friends.

If I see my crush at a party and don’t have anything to say, all I have to do is remember something I saw on her Facebook and say “Hey, you know what one of my favorite Coco Chanel quotes is? ‘A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous.’” It’s a great icebreaker and not creepy at all. You should try it: It’s golden.

The Internet has finally cut out the middleman – actually talking to people like rational human beings – out of love. I don’t even have to go outside to find someone. Does life get any better?

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Cartoon is Offensive to Readers

I am writing to you to express my disbelief in the cartoon that was published in last week's *Breeze* (Sept. 11). I am a senior and have immense pride for my school. I am appalled that the cartoon, depicting an extremely sexualized Sarah Palin, was published. I am even angrier that this thoughtless cartoon was published on such a sensitive date.

Not only was this cartoon tasteless, but regardless of political opinion, it was derogatory to women. I have shown the cartoon to my roommate and boyfriend (both alumni) and they are astonished that the editors at *The Breeze* would allow this to be put in our school paper. Additionally, I shared the cartoon with my ethics professor to determine if I was simply overreacting. He was also extremely disappointed in this publication.

How would you feel if this made national news, that this is the way JMU feels about politics and women? We are supposed to be an institution of higher learning that encourages students to make decisions for themselves and grow as individuals while here on campus. This cartoon does not support either of these goals. I urge you to consider this issue. I feel that this was demoralizing to the student body, and I hope that you reconsider such action in the future.

**Elizabeth Martin**

senior human resource management major

He may preach words of hate, but that hate contrasts and reminds us of what we have — love. He can't take that away from us, and when he comes, the shades of purple aren't so different anymore.

**Dan Simonson**  
junior physics major

### Get The Facts Straight on Voting

"We are a community committed to preparing students to be educated and enlightened citizens who will lead meaningful and productive lives."

As members of the JMU community, this is our charge. For many JMU students the Nov. 4 election will be their first opportunity to vote. As such, many students have questions on the process of both registering to vote and how to vote.

To get accurate information on this process, JMU has created a Web site on voter registration and absentee voting at [jmu.edu/vote](http://jmu.edu/vote). I encourage all members of the JMU community to view the Web site, educate yourselves about the issues of the upcoming election and vote on Nov 4.

**Rich Harris**  
director of JMU's Office of Community Service-Learning

### Palin Attack Wrong on Several Counts

As I read Emma Callahan's letter ("Palin Not Republican Lifesaver," Sept.11), I shook my head at her misinformed and short-sighted opinions. Ms. Callahan claims that Sarah Palin "has fought many of the conservative ideals," yet offers not one example — perhaps because she doesn't have one. Ms. Callahan appears to believe that Sen. McCain chose Gov. Palin based on sex and attempting to appeal to female voters, which is simply untrue. McCain chose Palin because she has a history of reform in government, to the extent of politically hanging members of her own party, as evidenced by her running against a corrupt Republican for governor. Apparently Alaskans approve.

The idea that a woman should not run for executive office because she needs to be home raising her children is preposterous and insulting. I wonder why, if this is Ms. Callahan's position, she is attending college in order to have a career herself. Women have been balancing work and family for decades, and Sarah Palin is doing a fine job. Furthermore, the left has nothing to say about lack of experience. Their inexperienced candidate is running for president, not vice president, and Palin has more executive experience than the entire Democratic ticket combined.

Lastly, Callahan calls for the reader to do his or her own research, yet has obviously neglected her own — Sarah Palin is not the first female vice presidential nominee — that honor belongs to Geraldine Ferraro in the 1984 election. I suggest that Ms. Callahan do her research, and don't vote for Obama just because he makes nice-sounding speeches.

**Leah Sargent**  
senior music education major

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GREEN, PURPLE & GOLD

# A Mouse in The House

*An everyday situation sheds some light on the practical limits of being eco-friendly*

After a summer living in caravans and yurts on organic vegetable and cactus farms in Spain, I was looking forward to returning to Harrisonburg and settling in to a place I could call my own.



ANNE DREYFUSS

I arrived a few days before school started to clean my room in my off-campus house. As I crouched on my hands and knees, scrubbing layers of grit off the hardwood floor, I heard a scratching noise. The closer I listened, the sharper and more frantic the noise became. It sounded like it was coming from under the floorboards.

As I searched for the source of the sound, I saw a crack in the hardwood. I leaned down to look into the crack. Two beady black eyes met mine.

Mice.  
My initial reaction was disgust. I was fully creeped out about sharing my room with vermin. And I was angry that my roommates hadn't noticed the mice before I arrived.

After a few minutes of sitting on my bedroom floor in shock, I had another thought. The mice probably had been here longer than me. What gave me the right to kill them?

I decided to research environmentally friendly ways to get mice out of a home. What I found did not comfort me. Environmentalist Web sites told me to drizzle the house in peppermint oil and light incense. I wasn't looking for a Summer Solstice ritual; I was looking for a way to get rid of mice.

Sometimes people can take the "green" thing too far and forget about certain basics – like personal health and well-being.

My dad reminded me that I have been fighting for two years against companies

that practice and fund mountaintop removal. And on what did I base my argument? Humans have no right to invade and destroy mountains – they don't belong to us.

Mice have no right to destroy my home.

Mice eat through insulation, chew on electric wiring and tear through pipes. As a result, they raise the utility bill and pose a fire hazard. Mice can tunnel between the walls into the kitchen, and although they don't eat large quantities of food, they do contaminate a lot of it with their urine, droppings and hair. Mice are carriers of diseases such as salmonella, tapeworm and ringworm. They also attract fleas, which can then infest the house and increase the parasitic disease risk for humans.

How is an infestation of vermin a natural part of the environment?

If there is a balance in nature, then certain creatures fulfill their roles in some places and other creatures do their part in other places. I am happy to meet mice in the woods and fields. When I come face to face with their twitching whiskers in my bedroom, that's where I draw the line.

In the end, I decided to swallow my good intentions and call an exterminator. A couple of my roommates resented the



graphic by BROOKE HOLLABAUGH/The Breeze

decision. They felt that we could have attempted a more environmentally friendly alternative before going straight for the chemicals. The air was tense the week after the exterminator left.

We did, however, take some organic preventative measures. One of the main reasons that the house attracted rodents was because open bags of flour and sugar were scattered around the kitchen. We gutted the house of all the mice-friendly packaging and got boxes for the food.

Just the same, this is an old wooden house. I sealed all the mouse holes I could find, but there probably are others I could not find. The mice could reappear any day. But at least tomorrow morning I can eat my Cheerios without worrying about how much mouse urine is mingling with my milk.

Maybe I'll buy a snake.

■ ANNE DREYFUSS is a junior media arts & design major.

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CATHY KUSHNER/JMU Sports Media  
Forward Jess Remmes scored three goals in 2007.

## Following in UEFA's Footsteps

*Women's soccer to be broadcast nationally Thursday on Fox Sports*

By WES SHAW  
The Breeze

At 5 p.m. tonight, the Fox Soccer Channel (FSC) will broadcast a UEFA tournament first-round match between Everton and Standard de Liege. After Europe's most popular — and the world's most famous — championship league has its broadcast, it is the JMU women's turn.

"[Our game] will be more attractive soccer to watch," JMU women's soccer coach Dave Lombardo said in reference to the Union of European Football Association game preceeding JMU's.

Madison's match with No. 17 Penn State tonight will be televised internationally, available

to 32 million subscribers of FSC in the U.S. and Caribbean.

The Dukes and Nittany Lions kick off at 8 p.m. in Harrisonburg on "Student Appreciation & Purple Game Day." The first 150 students in attendance will be given a free shirt specific to tonight's game, and the first 100 will receive a free hot dog and drink.

For a game of this caliber Madison will usually have about 700 fans, but is hoping to see between 1,500 and 2,000 people in the stands tonight, considering the circumstances.

"I want [our fans] to be loud and rowdy," junior forward Jess Remmes said. "When we went to visit [Penn State] last year their crowd was full and energetic and crazy."

Junior forward Corky Julien called it the



Julien

"worst crowd I've ever played for," as PSU's loud and hyped-up fans created a very tough atmosphere for the Dukes.

JMU's last televised game was 13 years ago in the Colonial Athletic Association championship game against William & Mary. The Dukes beat the Tribe 2-0 that night to advance to the NCAA tournament.

The 1995 match, however, was shown only on the mid-Atlantic-based Comcast network. Tonight's contest will be JMU's first ever national broadcast.

"I'm really excited," Remmes said. "It doesn't feel like we'll ever get this chance again unless we make the NCAA tournament, so we have to make it count while we're there."

JMU is fresh off a 1-1 tie to West Virginia University in Morgantown on Sunday. The Mountaineers are currently ranked ahead of PSU, at 14 in the National Soccer College Coaches Association poll.

See **SOCCER**, page 14

# Amped Up for Appalachian



Junior cornerback Scotty McGee (left) returned six kickoffs for 154 yards last year against Appalachian State. Sophomore tailback Jamal Sullivan had a key fumble with 22 seconds left.

*Three-time defending champions visit JMU for first time since 1992*

By MATTHEW MCGOVERN  
The Breeze

In the most anticipated regular season game in JMU football history, there are two trump cards.

No. 1 Appalachian State is coming off a bye week, while No. 5 James Madison has home field advantage.

And last year's early exit in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) playoffs, at the hands of App. St., has amped up the significance of this game to JMU fans. The "revenge" factor has become a taboo to some, though.

Senior tailback Eugene Holloman was practicing again Tuesday after sitting out last

week with a bruised quad, but he didn't entertain the idea of this game being especially important to the Dukes.

"It's just another game — another tough game," Holloman said after practice Tuesday. "I don't really have much to say I just want to go play the game. I don't even want to talk about it I just want to play."

Holloman didn't play in last year's playoff game after arthroscopic knee surgery cut his season short, and seemed anxious to face the three-time defending national champions as he walked off the practice field. After relying on sophomore tailbacks Jamal Sullivan and Griff Yancey against Massachusetts last week,

See **FOOTBALL**, page 14



photos by ROBERT BOAG/contributing photographer

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**JMU alum challenges students to sustain frenzy at Bridgeforth Stadium**

I was at the UMass football game this past Saturday and was surprised, and frankly embarrassed, at the empty seats in the student section during the second half of the game.

Certainly, the heat and the score of the game at halftime played a major factor but our Dukes were playing the third-rated team in the Country. An 18 point lead halftime against a top ten team should never be considered a "safe lead".

Since this game was televised, I can only imagine how bad this looked on TV for viewers to see that with the game in the fourth quarter, with only a seven point deficit, the stadium was nearly empty. This type of participation is not what high school students and athletes who are considering a JMU edu-

cation need to see.

Our football program has reached a new level of success and we can expect to be a top ten program year after year. However, this success is dependent on the financial support of the alumni and the energetic and enthusiastic support of both the alumni and the students.

Student apathy is contagious and will have a very negative impact on the success of our program. It would be my hope that this message be communicated across the student population and that the our great students realize how hard it is to reach this level of success and how fleeting that it can be. We need to all do our part and support our Dukes if we want to stay a major force in FCS college football.

Students, we need your help. We need to transform Bridgeforth Stadium into an

See **FANS**, page 14

## Women's Basketball Schedule Announced, JMU Slated to Play in Mexico Over Thanksgiving Break

### STAFF REPORTS

JMU women's basketball released its 2008-09 schedule Tuesday. Notable opponents include 2006 National Champion Maryland in College Park the second game of the season and 18-time defending Colonial Athletic Athletic champion Old Dominion twice towards the end of the season.

JMU will travel to Cancun, Mexico for the Caribbean Challenge over Thanksgiving Break. In Mexico, the Dukes will face Eastern Michigan and Atlantic Coastal Conference opponent Boston College.

BC is one of three ACC teams JMU will play this season, along with Maryland and Virginia Tech. It is also one of five non-conference opponents that played in a postseason tournament in 2008. The Eagles reached the third round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament last season.

None of those games, however, will be played in Harrisonburg. In early December the Dukes will travel to Washington D.C. to take on Georgetown. Its next game, almost two weeks later, will take Madison to Blacksburg where they will visit Virginia Tech.

Madison's CAA schedule begins Jan. 4,

when the Dukes play George Mason in Fairfax. The Dukes host ODU on March 1, the second-to-last game of the regular season. The CAA tournament begins March 12.

The Dukes lost to Virginia Commonwealth 69-60 in the CAA tournament semifinals last season, and were snubbed an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament as a result. This year, Madison will have to replace the prolific scoring of Tamera Young, who set the JMU and CAA scoring record with 2,112 points. She was drafted eighth overall by the Atlanta Dream of the WNBA and started in 15 of 33 games in her first season, which ended Sept. 12.



CATHY KUSHNER/JMU Sports Media

Madison sophomore point guard Dawn Evans emerged last season as a dominant offensive player, setting school season records for 3-pointers (85) and free-throw percentage (.912). Evans also tied Tamera Young's record of 38 points in a game March 22 at Indiana, and had a school record seven 3-pointers in a game March 26 at Kentucky and Feb. 10 against Towson. Evans made the CAA All-Rookie Team in 2007-08.



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## FOOTBALL: Top-Five Teams Collide Saturday

**Football**, from page 13  
JMU will welcome Holloman's big-play ability in Saturday's heavy-weight bout.

While the Mountaineers have had two weeks to rest and prepare for Madison, JMU carries the momentum of a huge conference win into Saturday's grudge match. Madison senior quarterback Rodney Landers is coming off his biggest rushing performance, a 206-yard outburst that set a JMU quarterback record and earned him FCS offensive player of the week honors according to *The Sports Network*.

But high expectations accompany the Dukes in the meeting of top five teams.

"When people have recognized me wherever I've been the last eight or nine months, this game is all they've talked about," Matthews said. "Whether it's been at the airport, the grocery store, golf course — wherever people would recognize that I was the coach at JMU they'd say 'Hi' and then they'd say 'Coach, we can't wait until the Appalachian State game.'"

App. State's Armanti Edwards is another quarterback with elusive running ability, and JMU defenders will be challenged to defend a Walter Payton Award candidate for the second straight week.

"Our main focus is stopping him from running the ball," JMU senior safety Marcus Haywood said. "And

then we'll worry about him passing."

Edwards rushed for 1,588 yards last year and 21 touchdowns, including the game-winner in the Nov. 24 playoff game against JMU. He rushed 20 times for 139 yards and three touchdowns in that game, while completing 12 of 17 passes for 126 yards.

Landers' numbers were very similar. JMU's dual-threat quarterback rushed 29 times for 129 yards to go along with 10 of 15 passing for 124 yards and a touchdown. Madison's Walter Payton Award candidate expects Appalachian State to be familiar with JMU's attack, but the Mountaineers will be without safety Corey Lynch, who was drafted in the sixth round by the Cincinnati Bengals.

"They see Armanti and their offense in practice every day," Landers said. "So they're gonna be familiar with some of the stuff that we're gonna do. It's just gonna come down to who can outlast the other, who doesn't make mistakes."

Madison was able to outlast Massachusetts last week, in large part because of the field position established by junior kick returner Scotty McGee and the special teams unit. If JMU is able to upset the defending champions Saturday, McGee's speed may end up being the card that stacked the deck.

## FANS: Call for Action, Ruckus from JMU Alum

**Fans**, from page 13

advantage for our football team. It's time we yell for each and every play. It's time we start yelling at the top of our lungs. It's time we bring the fear of Bridgeforth into the hearts and minds our opposing teams and players. It's time we rattle their quarterback and make them feel intimidated. It's time we take responsibility as fans to make noise and keep making noise until the final whistle has blown. And, if you don't want to yell and scream and do your part, it's time to give your tickets to someone who will.

It's time we, both the students and the alumni and other fans, arrive at the stadium early before kickoff and leave late. It's time each of us do whatever it takes to get ready for each and every football game. It's time we stay as loud in the first quarter as we do in the fourth.

It's time, when the opposing team needs four yards for a crucial first down, we show how we can reach deep down and find our collective strength with our voices roaring even louder. It's time we cause their offensive lineman to jump offsides. It's time we make the other team waste timeout after timeout.

It's time we render their offensive audible system useless preventing their quarterback from being able to change the play at the line. It's time we bring out the JMU magic. It's time we transform Bridgeforth into the Terror Dome. We all need to do our part.

Speaking for the JMU alumni, we would like to challenge the students to step it up a notch. Together, we can create a fan-crazy environment that will not only help our football team this year, but also our football program for years to come. Go Dukes!

**Don L. Parr**  
*Class of 1984*

PICKS OF THE WEEK



The Breeze Editorial Staff and "Guest"

Overall	21-15	23-13	23-13	25-11	26-10
Last Week	7-5	5-7	10-2	8-4	9-3

GAME



	Matt	Wes	Tim	Megan	Erik	Colleen
Ap. St. at JMU	JMU	Ap. St.	JMU	JMU	JMU	JMU
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VT at UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC	VT	VT	VT
Notre Dame at MSU	MSU	MSU	ND	MSU	ND	ND
Cardinals at Redskins	Skins	Skins	Skins	Skins	Skins	Cardinals
Jaguars at Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Jags	Colts
Steelers at Eagles	Eagles	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Eagles	Steelers
Cowboys at Packers	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Packers	Cowboys	Cowboys
Bengals at Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
Jets at Chargers	Chargers	Jets	Jets	Chargers	Chargers	Jets

## SOCCER: Hosts No. 17 PSU Tonight

**Soccer**, from page 13

The Dukes are referring to this week as their "BCS week," with Big East opponent WVU on Sunday, PSU of the Big Ten tonight, and ACC rival Virginia Tech this Sunday.

"They're very excited about this possibility (playing on national TV)," Lombardo said. "But honestly, they're more excited about the opponents they get to face this week."

"It doesn't matter if there are five cameras or no cameras. Our focus will be on Penn State."

The Dukes will be looking to avenge a 1-0 loss to PSU in State College last year that left a sour taste in the mouths of many players.

"We have a lot to prove," Julien said. "We should have won that game."

JMU's coach was encouraged that his team didn't accept the role of the underdog who was supposed to lie down against a

nationally ranked Nittany Lions squad. He called it the "defining moment" of the best season in JMU history.

"We didn't have the 'respectable loss' mentality," Lombardo said. "Everybody was angry, disappointed and down that we had lost that game because we had opportunities to win it. I knew that we had something special after that because they weren't okay with just being in that game, they really wanted to win."

## RIVALRY: App. State & JMU Dominate FCS

**Rivalry**, from front spectator.

Bolton offered his take on the matchup before he caught up with former teammates after practice.

"For some reason, the games are always fierce when we play those guys," Bolton said. "I don't know what it is about App. State that we have a little fire in our hearts about."

It's not an in-state rivalry, it's not a historic rivalry, and it's not guaranteed to outlast this decade.

But with both teams playing championship-caliber football for the foreseeable future, there's a pretty good chance the Mountaineers will reappear on Madison's schedule shortly.

It could be as soon as the first round of the playoffs.

If JMU and Appalachian State both qualify for the 16-team field, they could be matched up again because of their geographic proximity. Unless both teams receive top-4 seeds, it's a likely scenario.

So whatever happens Saturday could just be a prelude to this season's true redemption game for the Dukes, if they get ASU for the second straight year in November.

But Saturday's result could also ultimately determine if the Dukes finally get a home playoff game. If they lose, those chances go drastically down. If they win, it's much more likely — but the gauntlet presented by a Colonial Athletic Association schedule leaves plenty of challenges to face.

Stay tuned as the rivalry continues to evolve, beginning this weekend.



JESSICA DODDS/The Breeze

**Rodney Landers looks to give the App. State defense problems via ground & air**



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# ‘Freshman Police’ Working for Dorm Peace

By RACHEL CHERYNSKI  
contributing writer

Walking into Eagle Hall, one immediately detects the “Eagle stench” of garbage and old Ramen noodles. But the elevator rides, crazy nights and fun people make living in Eagle Hall a memorable experience.

But, there’s one thing most freshmen feel they could live without: the Resident Advisers. From “dorm Nazis” to “freshman police,” RAs don’t exactly have a positive connotation.

“When I first heard of RAs, I’m like ‘Great, I’m gonna have a babysitter at college,’” said Christine Francis, living on the seventh floor.

Third floor resident Lauren Headrick said: “My RA is pretty chill, but there are definitely a few RAs with a bit of an attitude and they can be rude at some points in time.”

However, after hanging around with five of the 15 Eagle RAs last Thursday night, it became evident that there is much more to being an RA than giving strikes and snatching away beer. In fact, they are actually normal, fun, interesting people.

Of course, being an RA isn’t all single rooms and free room and board; it requires a lot of time. RAs go through intensive training to be qualified for their jobs and to be prepared for any incidents that may arise throughout the year. During the summer, they are required to complete many workshops on topics like sexual assault prevention, safety tips and team bonding.

Junior and second-year RA Whitney Getka said the RAs go through these training sessions in order to help the freshmen with any problems they may encounter.

“We’re trained like Superman, so bring it on,” Getka said with a laugh.

During the school year, they rotate being on duty in the office from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weeknights and until 2 a.m. on the weekend; the rest of the time being “on call” in their rooms.

They also spend time doing weekly reports, attending staff meetings and having one-on-one meetings with the hall director.

Getka said it’s definitely a 24-hour-a-day job, but she feels it’s all worth it.

“We really do have a love for this. We wouldn’t come back if we didn’t,” Getka said.

While they haven’t had to give out many Incident Documents (I-docs) this year, senior RA Christie Konoza said that’s definitely their least favorite part of the job, and said that the decisions are always based on

See DORM, page 18

CAROLINE DAVIS/The Breeze



photo illustration by CAROLINE DAVIS/The Breeze

Senior RA Christie Konoza grabs an Eagle Hall room key for freshman Jack Lineberger Monday night. Eagle is the largest dorm on campus housing 434 freshman on eight floors.

## 8 Things RAs Want You To Know

### 1. We’re people too.

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### 2. We know how to have a good time.

“Residents would knock on my door and not understand why we’re not in our rooms 24/7, but we go out too.” — Janessa Muraco

### 3. We don’t wear purple shirts 24/7.

“We don’t have 365 purple shirts. In fact, we own two each.” — Whitney Getka

### 4. We’re not police officers.

“People think we’re villains, but we’re here to do the job.” — Muraco

### 5. We don’t give the strikes.

“We just write up the I-docs and send them to Judicial [affairs]. In fact, we aren’t

even told what happens after that.” — Getka

### 6. We want you to stop by our rooms to say, “Hi.”

“They are always whispering ‘that’s the RAs room’ when they pass by, and really we’d love for them to come right in.” — Getka

### 7. We can hear through the doors.

“They think those doors are sound-proof, they’ll say ‘Shhh, that’s my RA, hide your beer, hide in the closet.’” — Konoza

### 8. We want you to come to the programs.

“We’re given money for the freshmen to have things like ice cream parties, study help sessions, movies and school bands play, so it would be really cool if more of them came.” — Getka

# JMU Student Making it Big as Part of Friday Night Boys



courtesy of ADAM ELMAKIAS

Senior Andrew Goldstein (front) plays lead guitar and does vocals for Friday Night Boys. The other band members are Chris Barrett, drums; Robby Reider, bass; and Mike Toohey, guitar and vocals.

Touring punk-pop band now based in Harrisonburg

By BRETT WILSON  
contributing writer

The Friday Night Boys just wanna have fun. In fact, that is all they do.

Senior psychology major Andrew Goldstein, 22, had no idea that a band he put together for kicks would become so popular. It has been a year and a half since the band was formed and already they are making major headway in the music industry.

“Basically I started the band as a joke,” Goldstein said.

But, with a summer tour, a deal with a major record label, Fueled by Ramen, and a performance on MTV’s Total Request Live under their belts, the Friday Night Boys are anything but a joke.

All four band members enjoy what they do, and their dedication to their energetic and ‘punk’ music reflects this. Nearly everything the Friday Night Boys produce represents their spunky personalities, and their

appreciation for a good “that’s what she said” joke. In fact, “That’s What She Said” is the name of their first extended-play album, which will be released Oct. 14.

Though the Friday Night Boys have played gigs all over the East Coast and the Midwest region, they agree that their biggest fan base is in Northern Virginia. Currently, they are planning on playing small weekend gigs in varied areas of the East Coast. This weekend’s travels will take the band to New Jersey and Boston.

Mike Toohey, the 23-year-old gui-

tar player for the band, said that the road trips the band takes are the most memorable for him because there is “never a dull moment.” Bass player

Robby Reider, 23, recounted an instance where their road trip was not so much fun, however, when a darting deer caused their driver to swerve into a guardrail, crushing their trailer.

“It looked like Godzilla just straight came and kicked it,” Reider said. Luckily all

band members, instruments, cars and the deer, who the band dubbed “Bambi,” were OK.

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**WHERE:** Wilson Hall Auditorium  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.  
**PRICE:** \$15, \$25 and \$30



### SATURDAY: Art Exhibit

**WHAT:** “Beyond Jamestown: Virginia Indians Past and Present” exhibition grand opening. This event will feature discussions and an educator’s workshop that includes dancers, artisans, tribal leaders and scholars.  
**WHERE:** Highlands Room, Festival Conference and Student Center  
**WHEN:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**PRICE:** Free



### TUESDAY: Musical Performance

**WHO:** Min Xiao-Fen and JMU performers, including The Madison Singers  
**WHAT:** “Reflecting China, An Evening of Music”  
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# Salon 11 a Chic New Option for Students



ADRIENNE GOLDBERG/*The Breeze*

Elisha Dixon gets her hair done by Tammy Dixon (no relation) Sept. 12 at Salon 11.

By JESS GOLDBY  
contributing writer

Struggling to find a hairdresser in the Harrisonburg area? For students and locals alike previously limited to the Valley Mall hairdressers or other local salons, a new option has opened up on Water Street.

Salon 11, which opened on Sept. 2, offers a trendy and fun atmosphere for women and men to go to get their hair styled. From the leopard print capes draped over clients, to the eye-catching, collaged salon heads in the window, the hairdressers of Salon 11 clearly make the environment as stylish and welcoming as possible.

"I wanted to bring something different to Harrisonburg," said owner Valerie Sampson about why she opened her shop.

Some JMU students shared their feelings on salons in Harrisonburg.

"I don't think that there are a lot of good places around," said senior Gina Gallucci. "I think the general attitude of JMU students towards salons is not a positive one."

Gallucci expressed that most students would be interested in trying a new place.

"Girls, especially at JMU, are willing to pay a lot to get their hair done. I think if a good salon opened in Harrisonburg, it would make a killing and the students would really appreciate it," the senior said.

In the past, senior Lisa Maurer has relied on salons that one familiar to her, but she said she is open to new options.

"I would be willing to try a new salon for sure; in the past I can't say that I would have ever gone to a salon in Harrisonburg. I just usually wait until I go home on break," Maurer said.

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# Hedberg Leaves Laughter Behind

*Daily Trojan* (University of Southern California)

**LOS ANGELES** — It's a bizarrely simple setup — he presents a ludicrous question, pauses and then quickly delivers an even stranger (but fitting) answer. And you laugh, but not at him. How could you, with his polarized aviator sunglasses, his long, dirty brown hair and his unmistakable low, curious drawl? It's Mitch Hedberg.

Fans that have resorted to watching the same grainy YouTube clips of the comedian can now tap into his newly released "Do You Believe in Gosh?"

Offering 40 minutes of new material that had been meant for a longer album, "Gosh" gives listeners a chance to experience rapid-fire one-liners different from those on his oft-quoted Comedy Central albums, "Mitch All Together" (1999) and "Strategic Grill Locations" (2003).

His untimely death in 2005 stopped the flow of his absurd observations, which seemed at once playfully childish and painfully vulgar.

His imagined situations, astute musings on our pop culture environment and humble attitude — all sprinkled with glaringly obvious solutions to the problems he, and we, faced — gave Hedberg the aura of a sagacious stoner.

"I was going to have my teeth whitened, but then I said screw that, I'll just get a tan instead," Hedberg joked during a March 2003 appearance on "The Late Show with David Letterman."

"Gosh" contains little nuggets like that throughout; from Tempur-Pedic mattresses to steamrollers, Hedberg rants about the seemingly disconnected threads of his disorganized, spinning mind.

His jokes, however, sometimes play dumb: "That'd be cool if you lived with a monster. You would never get hiccups!"

The rapid turnaround keeps listeners en-

gaged with constantly rotating topics. He moves from burritos to his girlfriend's job at Hooters with the speed of a foul-mouthed, short-order cook, challenging a passive audience to keep up with his rapid fire of questions and answers.

The real magic behind "Gosh," though, is Hedberg's delivery. Jokes come out warm and slathered with a genuine honesty cased in an endearing, slowly revealed self-deprecation — and Hedberg's slight Midwestern twang gives him a boy-next-door quality that contrasts sweetly with his party animal persona.

Hedberg made his drug use a cornerstone of his act, a stage presence that flashed bits of a disturbed but hilarious mind.

In response to an audience member's question about his drink, Hedberg retorts, "NyQuil on the rockssss. For when you're feeling sick but sociable."

And that's what "Gosh" is — a portrait of a "sick-but-sociable" man with jokes on a three-year delay. On one hand, these bits have some genuinely funny and clever moments with real thought, but Hedberg sometimes strolls into dumb-stoner territory.

Forty minutes of material that's consistently "Mitch," though raw and rough, is a welcome flashback. The repetition of the staccato one-liner, though providing a constantly warped comedic landscape, does not offer any comedy that will leave an indelible mark. Hedberg is no Bill Cosby, no Jerry Seinfeld, no Steve Martin; there's no deeper question, no story, no burning issue behind it all.

The story, really, is Hedberg himself - but it's just a whisper of what a great album. Those weak holes, those laughless bits, remind listeners that many of his jokes may have started in a bottle or syringe.

Tragedy aside though, "Gosh" remains the last sad stand from a stand-up comedian that didn't find broken escalators — just temporary stairs.

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# Documentary Showing is a Preview for Festival

*Spaghettifest 5 documentary was shown at Court Square Theatre to advertise for sixth show*



ADRIENNE GOLDBERG/The Breeze

Mickey Glago, one of the co-founders of Midnight Spaghetti Productions, chats before the showing of the documentary of Spaghettifest 5 shown at Court Square Theatre last week.

By JESS NOVAK  
The Breeze

Seth Casana, a JMU alumnus, and Mickey Glago, of Midnight Spaghetti Productions, don't settle for "good enough."

As directors of their production company, members of Midnight Spaghetti and the Chocolate G-Strings, and founders and managers of the annual three-day music festival, Spaghettifest, these two entrepreneurs are always looking for ways to make the band better and the festival bigger.

Spaghettifest is held at Natural Chimneys in Mount Solon.

"This year we're expecting between 750 and 1,000 people," Casana predicted. "Our goal is always to improve with each year. This will be our biggest yet with 40 bands."

Spaghettifest 6 will help support the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and give festivalgoers the opportunity to see 40 bands in three days, meet dozens of like-minded music-lovers and enjoy the beauty of Natural Chimneys Regional Park.

Casana and Glago's latest accomplishment is completing a full-length documentary about Spaghettifest 5, and plans to make an even more comprehensive documentary covering Spaghettifest 6.

The documentary of Spaghettifest 5 was shown at Court Square Theatre a week ago. It was meant to promote Spaghettifest 6, and to also celebrate the success of last year's festival.

Director Mike Frank, who co-founded Cave House Studios in Fredericksburg, met Casana and helped edit film from Spaghettifest 4.

"After working on that we decided to do something more comprehensive," Frank said. "We shot as many bands as possible at the festival and I fell in love with it."

Though Frank started out on the animation side of film after graduating from Full Sail University in Orlando, Fla., he turned to live film, with a special interest in musical events. He then established Cave House Studios.

After the three-day festival last September, Frank had more than 40 hours of footage. The best 90 minutes became the finished product shown at the downtown movie theater Thursday night.

"It was my first feature-length anything and was the longest, most intense project I've ever done," Frank said.

The documentary also captured shots of the venue, Natural Chimneys, as well as the audience throwing frisbees by day and dancing by night. The film features several short statements from festivalgoers interspersed between the many musical performances.

"We wanted to show what it was like to be there and give a feel for the sights and sounds together. This year our goal is to capture that even better," Frank said.

The documentary featured a 30-minute performance from Midnight Spaghetti and the Chocolate G-Strings and clips from Electric Baby, Jounce, Ryan Villanueva, DJ Maskell, Freekbass, Unfortunate Sons, The Transmitters and others.

"Every year it's more awesome," said Casana. "With 40 bands and an even better, more comprehensive documentary, this is going to be the best year yet."

## DORM: Advisers Are People Too

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the health, safety and comfort of the students.

"We're people too," Konoza said. "We can relate to them and try to be as fair as we can with 450 kids."

There have been few incidents this year, and there isn't a "crazy floor" established yet.

"Eagle is not living up to its loud, rowdy reputation as stereotyped," Konoza said. "Knock on wood."

Getka said, "For all I know the freshmen have just gotten smarter this year."

Junior RA Janessa Muraco said that fortunately noise has been the only major issue this year, and that they are sometimes woken up late at night.

"The loudest is definitely when all the drunkies come home," Muraco said, rolling her eyes.

The new freshmen tend to forget that two RAs are on duty in the first floor office during these late weekend hours. They don't know it yet, but will soon learn to go through the ground floor, Muraco said.

While being an RA can be exhausting at times, they said it doesn't stop them from having a blast along the way. They go out to dinner during the week, go hiking to Reddish Knob and are planning a trip to Massanutten Water Park, Getka said.

Quickly, the small group of RAs have developed close friendships, already sharing personal stories, like a private social network.

"By the first day, we were already talking about our sex lives," Getka admitted with a smirk.

Getka said that they call themselves one big, dysfunctional family.

"What can I say, it's Real World: Eagle Hall."



photo illustration by CAROLINE DAVIS/The Breeze

Christie Konoza opens the door to Jack Lineberger's room — one of her responsibilities as an RA when students lose their keys.

## BOYS: Will Open At Convo Show

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The band does take their show on the road, but their music is also highly sought after on the Internet. The band's MySpace page has acquired two million hits, with an average of about 12,000 views per day.

Chris Barrett, the 23-year-old drummer for the band, attributes these large numbers to the power of word of mouth.

"Our fans are awesome and they always tell their other friends about us," Barrett said.

Goldstein's dedicated band mates moved closer to support his academic career here at JMU, though they have yet to play a show in the Harrisonburg area.

Their first performance in the community will be opening for the Boys Like Girls concert on Sept. 26 at the Convocation Center. The band hopes to gain a larger recognition in the Madison community after their upcoming show.

Members of the Friday Night Boys said that their music was what they were all about. With each band member as enthusiastic as the next, it should come as no surprise that they love what they do.

"I never want to get a job, ever; we want to do this forever," Reider said. "If I could do this forever, with this group of people, I'd be the happiest person alive."

Due to their recent and quickly attained success, the Friday Night Boys may well be on their way to becoming major artists in the music industry. It is something that the band is definitely striving toward.

"We're not there yet," Goldstein said, "but we're getting there." That's what she said.

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